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SUBJECT: SENIOR ARMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES (SAR) MEETING ON  
ARMY TOPICS

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REQUEST ADDRESSEE DAOS DELIVER SOONEST THE MESSAGE BELOW  
FROM DR. V. GARBER, OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE, RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING, TO THE FOLLOWING  
INDIVIDUALS WITHIN RESPECTIVE HOST COUNTRIES: UK -  
MR. VICTOR MACKLIN; FRANCE - IGA MARC CAUCHIE; FRG -  
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DR. JOHANNES TRIENES. CONTENTS SHOULD BE CIRCULATED  
WITHIN ADDRESSEE MISSIONS ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS AND NOT

BEYOND US, UK, FRANCE, AND FRG. EACH INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE  
INFORMED THAT IDENTICAL MESSAGES HAVE GONE TO THE OTHER TWO.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. GERMANY HAS NOTIFIED US THAT THE MEETING WE HAD PROPOSED IN REFTEL FOR 24-25 JANUARY CANNOT BE HELD AT THAT TIME AND PROPOSED A DELAY UNTIL 21 FEB. ALSO, GERMANY HAS NOT AGREED TO THE TOPICS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.

2. THE US IN AT CRUCIAL POINT IN CONSIDERATION OF TOW FOLLOW-ON, POSSIBLE USE OF SP-70 AND ASSAULT BREAKER CONCEPT. DELAYS BEYOND FEBRUARY MEETING FOR INITIAL FOUR POWER DISCUSSIONS ON RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION/ INTEROPERABILITY FOR THESE SYSTEMS MAY PRECLUDE MEANINGFUL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AT LATER DATE. US PLACES GREAT URGENCY ON THESE ITEMS BEING PLACED ON SAR AGENDA. THEREFORE, WE URGE FRG ACCEPTANCE OF THE BROADER AGENDA AND FORUM PROPOSED IN REFTEL FOR MEETINGS ON 21 AND 22 FEBRUARY.

3. THE US STILL SEEKS THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INITIAL VIEWS OF FRANCE AND THE UK ON THE MLRS CONCEPT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OUR MLRS CONCEPT TO FRANCE AND THE UK IN ADVANCE OF THE 21 FEBRUARY MEETING TO PERMIT A FULLER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

END TEXT.

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